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Honorable Richard J. Sullivan United States District Court For the Southern District of New York Daniel Patrick Moynihan Courthouse 500 Pearl Street New York, NY 10007-1312

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RE: Alberto Vilar

Dear Judge Sullivan,

I am writing this letter not as a representative of The Metropolitan Opera, but only in my personal capacity to express my own opinion. I have known Alberto Vilar for over fifteen years. In my many encounters with Mr. Vilar I always found him to be a very honorable human being who cared passionately for the opera art form. He was extremely generous with both his time and his money to this organization and many other non-profit arts organizations. I personally believe that his generosity had a great and positive influence on the arts organizations he supported.

Regards,